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**ON THE OCCASION OF HANDING OVER OF JOJO TANKS TO  
THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY**

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Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Honorable Lulu Johnson

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Fawzie Peer

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Umgeni Water

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Provincial Head

Department Officials

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning

I wish to start by thanking our donors, Unilever Brand and Sunlight South Africa, for digging deep in their pockets in these tough financial times and donating these beautiful Jojo tanks to the eThekweni Municipality beneficiaries.

As we know that the country and the region have been in the grip of a heavy drought since 2014, KwaZulu Natal was one of the provinces most affected. This was evident in many households and emerging farmers from 2014 until mid-2017. This was also evident by the massive losses of livestock and crops.

The Department of Water and Sanitation received requests for financial and other support from various communities. There was engagement through the following: Catchment Management Forums; Water Users Associations; stakeholder empowerment sessions; tariffs workshops and other applications. The Department found it opportune to utilise Rain Water Harvesting and the Resource Poor Farmers programme as means of resolving these difficulties.

Site inspections were conducted to determine the needs of the infrastructure project, and it was highly evident that the beneficiaries required more than just water storage facilities.

We have to appreciate the joint effort by various stakeholders in the province to enhance all efforts towards recovery out of the drought. These stakeholders included the Unilever Brand and Sunlight South Africa who provided assistance by donating 10 Jojo tanks to the beneficiaries supporting some of the identified communities.

The beneficiaries of the project supported by Unilever are:

- Bathembekile
- Funukwazi
- Masiqhakaze
- Dumeya Farming
- Ekukhanyeni
- Maphephetheni
- Ogunjini

- Kwangcolosi
- Ntuzuma
- and Qondimvelo

At the risk of preaching to the converted, I would like to urge the beneficiaries to strengthen their efforts in saving water and re-using water for watering the gardens among other purposes. Every rainfall should be seen as an opportunity to save water for we do not know when the dry season might strike again.

It is also important for all of us to remember that vandalism of infrastructure is undesirable. It is therefore mandatory upon all of us to ensure the continued protection of these Jojo tanks donated today.

Thank you once again to Unilever Brand and Sunlight South Africa and I hope your good work does not end here but continues to spread and make a difference in more projects like these. Thank you to Umgeni Water for hosting such a beautiful event and to the KZN Department of Water and Sanitation. Let us all continue to work together in achieving more with little.

I thank you